Indo-China border trade

222. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposed Indo-China trade through Nathu La border has been put off;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the revised schedule of opening trade links?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E.AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The operationalisation of border trade through the Nathu La Pass requires necessary infrastructure to be put in place on both sides. Government are in constant touch with the Chinese side on this matter to commence the border trade through the Nathu La Pass at an early date.

GDP of the country

†223. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of America and Japan during the year 2003 was 10,857.2 billion dollar and 4,317.1 billion dollar respectively while GDP of India was only 591.5 billion dollar.

(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether it is **a** fact that by utilizing its enormous manpower, India can raise the above level of GDP; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government and the prospective targets fixed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of USA and Japan during 2003, as given in the World Development

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